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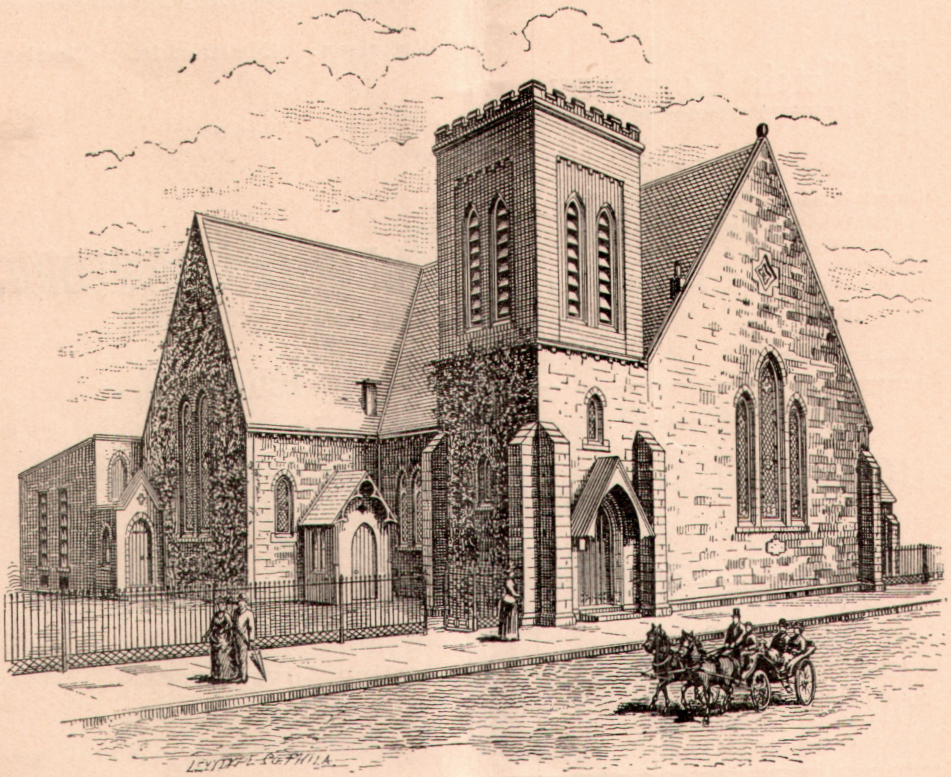

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Our Deficiency.

They say, "it is the unexpected that happens." We shall be glad indeed if that proves to be true in the case of our deficiency of this year. No one will rejoice more than the writer if the entire amount needed is given in the co lections of this Easter Day. But past experience hardly justifies us in being over-sanguine with regard to it. It has seldom happened, in late years at any rate, that the whole amount needed has been given in a single day's collections.

Lest that should prove to be the experience of the present year also, we desire to remind you of the great necessity there is that the last dollar required shall be secured before the 30th day of this month, and we ask you to be both ready and willing to do your full share to make up any balance that may be needed if the Vestry shall ask for a supplementary collection.

We cannot even contemplate the possibility of reporting our Church in debt for current expenses this year. It is the fiftieth year of our existence as a Church, and consequently our year of Jubilee—our golden anniversary.

We surely could not be very jubilant on that occasion if we were compelled to admit that we are no longer able to pay our necessary expenses. Then let us rise to the emergency that is before us and quickly remove the last dollar of debt that is against our Church.

The Lenten Missionary Box.

The members of our Dorcas Society spent a pleasant afternoon on Friday, March 24th, when they packed the missionary box with the fruits of their labors for the several weeks last past. The box contained a total of 232 pieces of wearing apparel, bed linen and household articles, of an actual value of $98.04. The ladies of the Society desire to express their sincere thanks to all those in the Congregation who have joined with them in the kindly work in which they have been engaged, thus making it possible for them to do as much as has been done.

This Should Interest You.

The $500 promised by the Advancement Society is now in the treasury, so we are reliably informed, and we can secure it at once if those who have neither contributed, nor promised, will decide at once what they will give and so notify any member of the Committee.

Even a short delay might lose us this valuable opportunity ; can we afford to take the risk? Remember "first come first served." *Let us be first.* The immediate help of every individual parishioner is necessary to make the fiftieth anniversary a complete jubilee.

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There is one associated with ST. JUDE'S who has the welfare of the Church at heart, and it is impossible to thank him sufficiently for what he has done. Why? Because he has generously advanced whatever additional money was required to pay promptly our current expenses such as coal and gas bills, music, salaries, etc. ; this enables our Church to enjoy the very highest reputation for meeting its obligations. Is there any just reason why he should do more than contribute what he considers his proportion of the expenses?

Have you ever considered the subject thoughtfully? Would it not be easier for each one to provide his and her share throughout the year rather than make an extra effort at Easter to make up an amount due for past expenses? Our credit is good and our way seems smooth and probably we fail to appreciate all our blessings It is hoped that the Easter collection will be sufficient to reimburse our benefactor. A LAYMAN.

Palms From Florida.

Just before going to press a case of Palms has come to us from Florida with which to beautify the Church on Palm Sunday. These Palms are again the gift of Mrs. A. M. Kremer, who has kindly and thoughtfully furnished them to the Church for many years. That she should procure them for us this year also, after months of sickness, and while she is yet so ill, is evidence of her extreme thoughtfulness for the Church of her love. May the good Lord give her comfort, peace, and speedy recovery if it be His will, is the prayer of us all.

Confirmed.

On the Sunday next before Easter, in St. Andrew's Church, and with the kind permission of the Rev. Wilbur F. Paddock, D. D., Rector, the Bishop of the Diocese confirmed Thomas Norris Box and Esther Thompson Bell, candidates from ST. JUDE'S CHURCH.

Don't Forget.

Don't forget that on Saturday of this week —Saturday, April 8th,—an important Easter Sale will be held at the residence of Mrs. Harry A. Crawford. The house will be open for visitors from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until 10 o'clock at night. There will be a table for the sale of fancy articles, one for the sale of home-made confectionery, and one for the sale of home-made cakes. The dining-room, also, will be supplied with a variety of refreshments, and for the nominal fee of twenty-five cents they can be sampled by every one who so desires.

The entire proceeds of the sale will be applied to the removal of that oppressive mortgage debt that we have recently heard so much about. Don't you wish, in this case, that the proceeds would be at least five hundred dollars? Then lend a willing hand and try to make it so.

Week-Day Services.

We have been encouraged by the increased attendance at the week-day services during Lent. The attendance, of course, was no greater than it ought to have been—was not great, indeed, in any sense. But when we recall the small congregations we have had during the fall and winter (no matter what the causes that served to make them so), we cannot but be pleased with anything like a normal attendance when we have it.

But now that Lent is over, what must we expect? Is the attendance to fall off as it usually does after Easter? We trust not. Such honest service and faithfulness are always required of us by God, and we have now so much lost time to be made up, that we need to be especially attentive to all our duties in the time to come.

And besides, there are none who found it convenient to attend the greater number of services that were held during Lent, that cannot also find it convenient to attend the smaller number of services that are to be held until the season closes. Will not every one determine now to attend faithfully all the services we are yet to have? "Let us not be weary in well doing ; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Easter Monday Election.

An election for twelve vestrymen to serve for the ensuing year will be held in the Vestry room on Easter Monday between the hours of six and seven o'clock. The properly qualified electors should regard it as a most important duty to be present, and to take part in this election.

Our Week-Day Choir.

We would fail to perform a duty if we neglected to thank the director, organists, and members of our week-day choir for the valuable services they have rendered during the Lenten season. Many kind words have been spoken of their work from time to time by members of the congregation, and now we desire to gather up these words and publicly acknowledge the debt of gratitude we all owe them for the splendid help they have given us.

In proof of our sincerity in writing these words, we ask all those who have been so helpful in the past to continue their good work by organizing into a *permanent week-day choir.* The necessary practice will be beneficial to them,—their services will be very helpful to us,—and ST. JUDE'S will profit not a little by the inviting, bright, and hearty services they will be able to render.

Hereafter there will be only one service a week (with a sermon) instead of two, and the last for the season will be held on Wednesday, May 24th. Let these remaining services be as faithfully attended and as well rendered as those of the past, and we may expect that the attendance of the congregation will be kept up also.

Advance Work.

At the meeting of the Teachers and Officers of the Sunday-School which was held on the first Friday in February, a committee was appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the annual excursion of the Sunday-School, which will probably be given in June.

Also, at the February meeting of the Vestry, the Rector was authorized to appoint a committee to assist him in forming and carrying out plans for the proper celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Church, to be held in October next. Since then he has appointed the following named gentlemen: Charles R. Taylor, Jacob L. Smith, George H. S. Uhler, Lewis W. Bitting and William J. Eavenson.

Carol Service.

The Sunday-School Carol Service is the only Easter Day Service that we may invite attention to in this number of OUR PARISH. That service will be held at night—at half-past seven o'clock—and we extend not only a cordial, but a most earnest, invitation to every member of the congregation, and especially to the parents of the scholars, to be present, and to take part in it. Every sitting in the church should be occupied by some one on that occasion, and it is not too much to expect that it will be so.

It is meet that a few words of recognition for the faithful services of years should be seen in this issue. In the death of Mrs. George H. S. Uhler, the Parish has met with a great loss. Her regular attendance at the monthly meeting of the Domestic Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary testified to the responsibility which she felt as a delegate from ST. JUDE'S CHURCH. The unselfish and untiring work which she gave as Directress of the Mothers' Meeting will never fail to receive appreciation from its members; and as the first and only President of the Vestment Committee, the loss of the work, the kindly word of encouragement, and the example of wonderful efficiency will ever be keenly felt Like Mary of old in the little town of Bethany, 'twas a labor of love, and the heart service of one who ever did all that "she could."

Address Cards.

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NEXT SUNDAY being the octave of Easter Day, the Easter music will be repeated so far as is practicable.

THOSE who have refrained from eating candy during the Lenten season should be particularly careful to eat only the very purest on resuming the habit again. By purchasing at the Easter Sale of the Chancel Guild, they will get just what they ought to have.

HOUSEKEEPERS and others are reminded of the sale of home-made cakes to be held at the residence of Mrs. Crawford on Saturday next. By attending the sale and purchasing a supply for Sunday, they do two things: they get rid of the necessity of cake baking at home, and they take an active part in burning the mortgage on the rectory.

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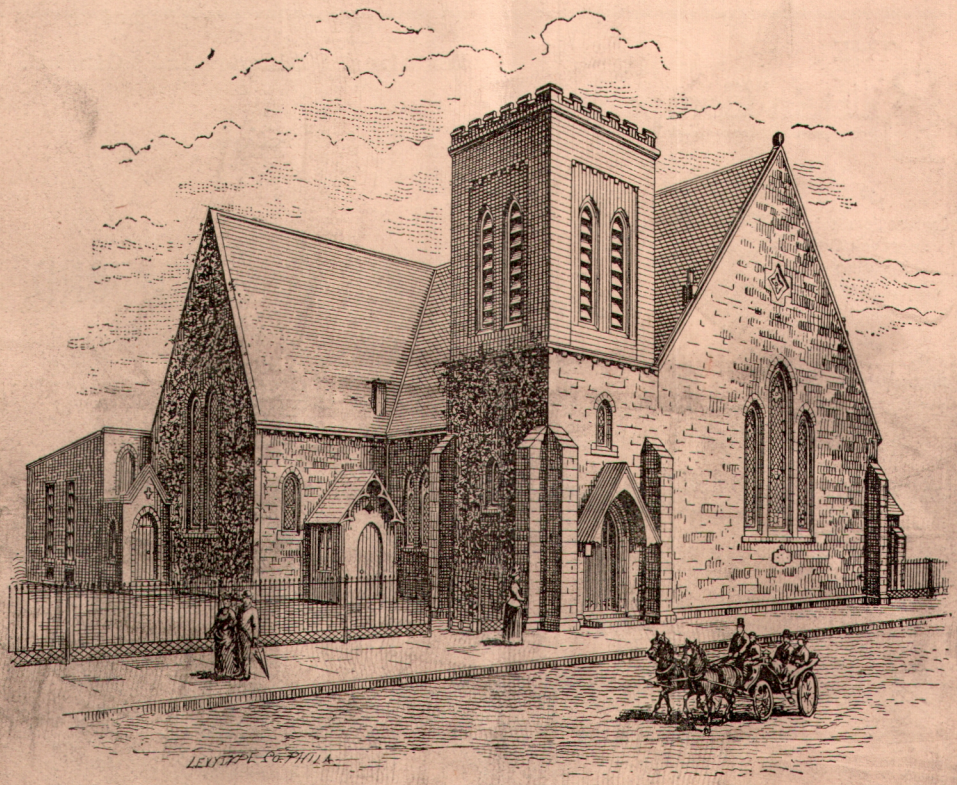

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FREEDMEN'S BRANCH.

Mrs. Knipe, Mrs. Grafly,
Mrs. McNeely, Mrs. Slifer.
Collection in December.
Meetings at call of Rector.

VESTMENT COMMITTEE.

President,
Secretary, Mrs. Eavenson.
Treasurer, Mrs. Woodward.

MOTHERS' MEETING.

Friday evenings at 8 o'clock.

Directress, Miss McAdam.
Assistants, { Mrs. Eavenson. / Mrs. Lightner.

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Third Thursday in each month.

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SERVICES:

Holy Communion { 1st Sundays.....10.30 / All Other " 7.30
Morning Service and Sermon.....10.30
Evening Service and Sermon..... 7.30
Sunday-School..... 2.30 P. M.
Wednesday Evening Service and Sermon..... 8.00
Friday afternoon Evening Prayer 5.00
First Sunday in the month, Evening Prayer and Baptism..... 3.00

Baptism at any Service on previous notice to Rector.
No Night Service on the first Sunday in the month.

PARISH REGISTER.

MARRIAGES.

April 5. Wilkinson Craig and Jane W. Fletcher.
" 17. Herbert S. Keyser and Marion Snodgrass.
" 17. Frank J. Donaldson and Bessie S. Adams.

BURIALS.

April 6. Alexander Ramsey.
" 16. Emma Knob.
" 23. Elizabeth Shriner.

Glad Tidings.

OUR PARISH has no more pleasant duty to perform on the present occasion than to announce that our current expense account for the convention year—May 1, 1898, to April 30, 1899—has been closed without leaving us a single dollar in debt. This is good news, indeed. Of course it is not something that is entirely new. The same has been done year by year for many years. But when we consider that within the last few months (with the assistance of some outside friends), we have gathered in cash and promises nearly the $2000 needed to pay off the last of our mortgage debt, and have just now paid off a deficiency of $1150 *besides*, we cannot feel otherwise than that the story is indeed GLAD TIDINGS. We thank God for what has been done. And we thank God that He has put it into the hearts of the members and friends of ST. JUDE'S to come up so willingly and so mightily to the help of the Lord in doing the Lord's work.

Our Golden Anniversary.

On the last Sunday in October we hope to begin the celebration of the golden anniversary of the consecration of our Church. The anniversary services will probably be continued for a week. At each service held we shall ask for an offering for the Endowment Fund, further details of which will be given in our next number.

The packages of envelopes sent to contributors at the beginning of this year contain ten envelopes each for the Endowment Fund. We ask every contributor to wisely distribute these envelopes among friends and others who may be induced to attend the services and to make a generous offering. At present we do not desire to say more than this, except to ask the most active interest of everyone in this matter. Additional envelopes will be furnished to all who desire them. We want the offerings of the celebration to amount to not less than $5000, and we can easily make them do so if we will. *We can do it if we want to.*

Lenten Box Acknowledged.

March 29, 1899.

REV. CHARLES LOGAN,
No 816 Franklin Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

DEAR REV. BROTHER:—Your letter arrived this morn; the packages arrived yesterday in good order. They were opened with interest and furnished us much pleasure. The articles are excellent and will prove very useful indeed. I thank you and through you I offer thanks to the good Society by whose kindness and efforts they are furnished. May our Good Father richly reward the donors. Wishing your Parish and yourself much prosperity and happiness,

I remain yours truly,

———— ————.

Very Important.

We expect that we will not be harassed by a *mortgage debt* much longer. We shall no longer, in that case, have to *pay interest* on a mortgage semi-annually. We hope to begin a new year with fully balanced books. If this condition is properly appreciated every present contributor to the support of the Church will conscientiously consider whether he cannot *even slightly increase the amount of his monthly offering* in the time to come And every *non-contributor* will make up his mind to *help support the Church also* by a regular offering, however small. In this way we can gradually reduce our annual deficiency, and soon get rid of it altogether. Every movement needs some one to start it. Who will be the first to adopt the above suggested plans, and encourage others to follow the example set?

Missions.

The Domestic Committee of ST. JUDE'S Mission Staff offer the following report for the year ending January, '99:

Balance last report	$2 25
Collection September 12th	7 33
Additional	40
	$9 98

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Sarah Neilson Scholarship	$5 00
Bishop Talbot's Life Insurance	4 00
	9 00
Balance	98

The Indian Committee of ST. JUDE'S Mission Staff offer the report for the year ending April, '99, as follows:

Collection, May, '98	$10 25

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Insurance Fund Pledge for Bishop Hare, South Dakota	$2 00
Bishop Gray, Southern Florida	5 00
Bishop Brooke, Alaska	2 00
Bishop Gilbert, Minnesota, work at Birch Cornlé Station	1 25
Total	$10 25

The Excursion.

The committee has arranged for the annual Sunday-School Excursion to be held Saturday, June 10, 1899, at Grenloch Park The School of the Church of the Beloved Disciple will go with us again this year, and there is some probability of one or two others joining the combination.

Tickets will be placed on sale May 13th, and after that date they can be obtained from any member of the school. We ask that more of our people will attend the excursion this year, and thus help to provide for the expense of furnishing free tickets to the members of the Sunday-School.

Indian Missions.

The special collection for the second Sunday in May—May 14—is for missionary work among the Indians. It has always been our custom to call attention to these special offerings as they are about to occur, but we desire now to urge upon the congregation the duty of faithfully and regularly making a reasonable offering towards the establishment and strengthening of the Church throughout the world. This, indeed, is largely the purpose for which the Church exists, and we will only do our duty in this respect when we do our best—*our very best.*

Our last offering for missions was the smallest in very many years. This was accounted for for a time, by the fact that the offering was taken on a stormy day. Faithful use of our envelope system should have corrected that long ago. But it has not, showing plainly that the envelopes are not returned as they should be, or at least that they were not returned on that occasion, or since.

We ask all to give liberally to these objects, and if possible to give on the day fixed, but when not possible to do it then, that the envelopes be brought or sent at the next service.

Money Appropriated.

On Sunday afternoon, April 9th, the usual work of the Sunday School was suspended, and the school was organized into a missionary meeting for the appropriation of the Lenten and Easter offerings. Addresses were made by several persons, suggesting what seemed to them worthy objects, and after a most interesting meeting the money in hand was distributed as follows:

To the General Board of Missions	$44 44
To Bishop Barker, Olympia	10 00
To Miss Wayne, a former Sunday School teacher, to help pay debt on a Mission in Georgia	10 00
To the Clergymen's Retiring Fund Society	10 00
To Bishop Rowe, Alaska	10 00
To Rev. John G. Meem, Brazil	5 00
	$89 44

Acknowledgments have been received from Mr. Meem, and from Bishop Barker, as follows:

Mr Meem says of the contribution made to his work:—"*Which I most deeply appreciate, and for which I thank you, and through you, the Sunday School.*"

Bishop Barker says:—"*Many thanks for yours of 12th April—glad indeed will I be to have the $10 voted by your Sunday School. Please convey to the children and teachers my grateful appreciation for this gift.*"

Our New Vestry.

At an election held in the Vestry-room, on Monday in Easter Week, the following-named gentlemen were chosen to serve as Vestrymen for the ensuing year:

Charles R. Taylor,	N. Ferrée Lightner,
Jacob L. Smith,	Jos. S. Gibb, M. D.,
Geo. H. S. Uhler,	Geo. B. Caldwell,
Lewis W. Bitting,	Harry A. Crawford,
William J. Eavenson,	Thomas B. Wunder,
Charles W. McNeely,	Levi H. Bell.

On Tuesday evening, April 4th, an organization was effected, when the following officers were chosen:

Jacob L. Smith, *Accounting Warden.*
Charles R. Taylor, *Rector's Warden.*
Geo. H. S. Uhler, Aid to *Rector's Warden.*
William J. Eavenson, *Secretary*

Jacob L. Smith, Lewis W. Bitting and N. Ferrée Lightner were elected *Lay Deputies* to the Annual Convention.

A Pleasant Visit.

On Thursday, April 20th, a party consisting of (18) members of our Sunday-School spent a very happy evening at the "House of Rest," Germantown. The time was passed in singing, recitations, etc. Solos were rendered by Miss Bessie Gumpert, Mr. R Sanford, and Mr. George Boate, Jr.; a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Sanford, recitations by Mrs. Kurtz and Mr. Will Morris, and a number of choruses, including some of our recent Easter carols, were sung by the whole company—ending with a verse of "Auld Lang Syne" on the porch, when leaving. The members of the household expressed themselves as having been greatly entertained, and the bright cheerful party who came down on the trolley car testified to having had "a good time."

Strawberry Festival.

The members of St. Agnes' Guild are already talking of giving one of the r very enjoyable Strawberry Festivals in the near future. We are glad of this, for the reason that these festivals have been so helpful socially, and we trust that every effort will be made to make the social opportunities of the coming event as prominent as possible. The date is not fixed yet, nor are any of the details arranged, but full particulars will be given in the next issue of OUR PARISH.

New Surplice.

The Vestment Committee has again surprised the Rector with a new surplice. It was made by E. O. Thompson's Sons, and is of a new and improved pattern—the result of many years of experience and of careful study. The Rector gratefully acknowledges the thoughtful interest of the Committee in its work and in his comfort.

Important.

The Mortgage Fund Committee report that a number of promises of donations are still unpaid, and they earnestly desire that all outstanding pledges be redeemed not later than May 17th, in order that the matter may be closed.

The sum now required is not large, and any further contributions will be thankfully received.

Very Successful.

The Chancel Guild's sale held at the residence of Mrs. Harry A. Crawford resulted in receipts amounting to more than $150. Since then, sales have been made and money has been received, bringing the total up to $160 and upwards. Of this sum, $125 has been paid over to the Mortgage Fund. Very good indeed.

The Dorcas Society

desires to announce to members of the congregation that it has a number of sheets, two yards and a half, by two yards and three-quarters, that it will sell at seventy-five cents apiece. They are made of Utica muslin.

Easter Day.

A whole month having elapsed since Easter Day, it may seem entirely useless to write down any account of its doings in this number of OUR PARISH. But there are two reasons why we cannot fail to do so, even though it be done in the very briefest manner. The first is, that this paper is published for the purpose of recording the works done in the Parish; and the second is, that the day was such an eminently happy one that we would be doing our church an injustice to pass it over in utter silence.

In the briefest possible way, then, we will say that the day itself was an ideal one, so far as the weather was concerned. The congregations were large—unexpectedly large—at all the services. The music was most creditably rendered and was commendably spoken of by all—even by the few who regretted the absence of the brass instruments. The number that communed was, we think, quite as large as that on any Easter Day for the last five years. And last but not least, the Easter collection suffered in no way from the efforts made in behalf of the mortgage fund, or from the very discouraging Fall, Winter, and Spring through which we have passed. All things considered, we have reason to take courage and to thank God with all our heart.

This reference to our Easter Day services leads us to give expression to one thought that we have had with regard to Easter Day services generally. We have no decided

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preference, one way or the other, with reference to the employment of added instruments of accompaniment in the regular festival services of the day. These should be of the most dignified character, and in all respects the very best that we can make them. Whatever will bring about this result is the thing that we should do.

But we have thought, and we still think, that our sunrise services could be made much more effective *in expressing the idea* that they would seem to represent. We come at the early dawn, as it were TO THE SEPULCHRE, and we are told that "CHRIST IS RISEN"—that "HE IS NOT HERE, BUT IS RISEN." We are at first disappointed and overwhelmed at the news, but in a moment we begin to see what it all means, and are then filled with glad surprise as we realize the fact of the resurrection of our Lord What would be a suitable expression of our feelings under these circumstances? Not a half-hearted service that is "neither cold nor hot." Not even a quiet, dignified, and artistically correct service of song and praise. No; but a perfect outburst of such triumphant praise and thanksgiving as would be natural to human hearts on such an occasion. If there is any service that should be *especially jubilant*, and at which accompanying instruments should be used,—and that not one, or four, or six, but an entire orchestra or band, if such a thing were practicable —it is the SUNRISE SERVICE.

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